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Title: Code of Ethics	 <hr/> By Order of James K. Loftus, Chief of Police

1.0 Policy

The University of Pittsburgh Police Department has adopted the Canon of Ethics also known as the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics used by police agencies nationwide and issued by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

All sworn personnel shall not only abide to the rules, regulations, policies, procedures, orders and “Standards of Conduct”, (Reference # 1 – 8), of this Department and the University of Pittsburgh’s Staff and Faculty policies and procedures related to code of ethics and conflict of interest, but shall also adhere to this prescribed “Code of Ethics” and the level of ethical behavior described within. Violation of the code may result in discipline.

(PLEAC 1.8.1)

2.0 Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities. I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be

held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

3.0 **References**

University of Pittsburgh Policy 05-02-03
Code of Ethics

University of Pittsburgh Policy 07-05-02
Conflict of Interest for Designated Administrators and Staff

University of Pittsburgh Policy 07-05-03
Conflict of Interest for University Of Pittsburgh Employees